

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to an image-formation optical system that satisfies demands toward high performance and compactness at the same time, and an imaging system  
5 incorporating the same. The image-formation optical system comprises, in order from its object side, an aperture stop S, a first positive meniscus lens L1 convex on its object side, a second positive lens L2 having an aspheric surface and a third negative lens L3 having an  
10 aspheric surface, and satisfies the following condition.

$$0.95 < \Sigma d/f < 1.25 \quad \dots (1)$$

Here  $\Sigma d$  is the distance on an optical axis of the image-formation optical system from the object side-surface of the first positive meniscus lens to the image plane side-  
15 surface of the third negative lens, and  $f$  is the focal length of the image-formation optical system.